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In re Application of: :
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 and 17 to 19 and add the following claim:

42. An isolated single or double stranded DNA sequence of
SEQ ID No: 1 corresponding to the eryG-eryAIII region of the
cluster of erythromycin biosynthesis genes.

Claim 2, cancel line 1 and insert --A DNA sequence of claim 42
comprising--

Claim 3, cancel line 1 and insert --Am isolated DNA sequence
of claim 42 selected from the group consisting of--

Claim 4, cancel line 1 and insert --An isolated DNA sequence
eryCIII--

Claim 5, line 1, change "claim 1" to claim 42--

Claim 6, cancel lines 1 and 2 and insert --A polypeptide of
claim 5 corresponding to an ORF of Fig. 2 selected from the group
consisting of ORF7 (having the--

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